

MINUTES OF
TOWN OF SEEKONK FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
April 26, 2016
Seekonk Town Hall

PRESENT: Myrna Elderkin, Chairperson
Karen Perkins
Justin Sullivan
David Saad
Ben Furman
Russell Horsman

Town Administrator Shawn Cadime
Director of Finance: Bruce Alexander

Ms. Elderkin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Committee reviewed meeting minutes of April 12, 2016.

Moved approval of minutes of April 12, 2016, Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Saad (6-0).

FY 2017 Budget

Ms. Elderkin asked Mr. Cadime about the changes to the budget since the last meeting. Mr. Cadime explained the changes. Mr. Sullivan asked about the enterprise fund retained earnings. Mr. Cadime explained the process. Ms. Elderkin commented on the formation of the FY 2017 budget and concerns going forward. Mr. Cadime presented his direction going forward. Discussion followed.

Budget was reviewed and acted on by section:

Section A	General Government, moved recommend approval Mr. Sullivan, second Ms. Perkins (5-0-1, Saad)
Section B	Legal Services, moved recommend approval Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Sullivan (6-0)
Section C	Public Safety, moved recommend approval Mr. Sullivan, second Mr. Saad (6-0)
Section D	Education, moved recommend approval Mr. Furman, second Mr. Sullivan (6-0)
Section E	Highways & Streets, moved recommend approval Mr. Saad, second Mr. Horsman (6-0)
Section F	Other Environmental, moved recommend approval Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Sullivan (6-0)
Section G	Human Services, moved recommend approval Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Sullivan (5-0-1, Horsman)
Section H	Culture & Recreation, moved recommend approval Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Sullivan (6-0)
Section I	Debt, moved recommend approval Mr. Saad, second Mr. Horsman (6-0)
Section J	Other Expenses, moved recommend approval Mr. Saad, second Mr. Horsman (6-0)
Section K	Sanitation, moved recommend approval Mr. Sullivan, second Mr. Saad (6-0)

Town Meeting Warrant – May 16, 2016

Mr. Cadime explained to the committee what action the Board of Selectmen took since the last meeting and the draft warrant.

The committee reviewed and discussed each article, took action on appropriate articles, and made assignments for town meeting with the expectation that articles would be renumbered so financial warrant articles would be first:

Article 1 Reports

Article 2 FY 2017 Budget

Article 3 Reserve Accounts Moved recommend approval Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Horsman (6-0) Furman

Article 4 Elected Officials Moved recommend approval Mr. Sullivan, second Mr. Horsman (5-0-1, Saad) Horsman

Article 5 Dog Licenses Moved recommend approval Mr. Horsman, second Mr. Saad (6-0) Elderkin

Article 6 Capital Items Moved recommend approval Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Horsman (6-0) Perkins

Article 7 FY 2016 Budget Hold until Town Meeting

Article 8 CPC Budget Moved recommend approval Mr. Sullivan, second Mr. Furman (6-0) Sullivan

Article 9 Surplus Property Moved recommend approval Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Horsman (6-0) Saad

Article 10 Borrowing Moved recommend approval Mr. Horsman, second Mr. Sullivan (6-0) Furman

Article 11 Snow & Ice Moved recommend approval Mr. Horsman, second Mr. Sullivan (6-0) Horsman

Article 12 CPC Land Defer to Community Preservation Committee

Article 13 TIF Moved recommend approval Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Horsman (6-0) Elderkin

Article 14 Ambo Fund Server Moved recommend approval Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Horsman (6-0) Sullivan

Article 15 Ambo Fund-Vehicle Moved recommend approval Mr. Horsman, second Ms. Perkins (6-0) Saad

Article 16 Road-Jane Howland

Article 17 Road-Tall Pines

Article 18 Road-Betty's Way

Article 19 Zoning By-Laws

Article 20 Cemetery Hold until Town Meeting Perkins

Article 21 Voter Petition

Article 22 Voter Petition

Article 23 Voter Petition

Article 24 Voter Petition

Article 25 Free Cash-School Moved NOT to recommend approval Mr. Horsman, second Mr. Saad (6-0) Horsman

Reorganization

Ms. Elderkin entertained conversation and nominations for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Clerk. Discussion followed. Ms. Perkins made the following nominations, Myrna Elderkin as Chairperson, Justin Sullivan as Vice Chairperson, and Ben Furman as Clerk. Nomination was seconded by Mr. Horsman (6-0).

Next Meetings

May 16, 2016 @ 6:00 Town Meeting – Seekonk High School

June 14, 2016 @ 6:30 Town Hall Meeting Room, Library Facility Study Committee

Comments

Mr. Saad asked about the Finance Committee getting a copy of any contracts for review. Discussion revealed that employment contracts would violate the collective bargaining process.

Moved adjourn, Ms. Perkins, second Mr. Saad (6-0) 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Furman, Clerk